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COMMENT OF
THE DAY

Water Supply

IT is easy to appreciate that the Reform Club exercised in its mind by the drastic water supply restrictions which Government has imposed this week. The Club is reflecting the state of mind in which the community as a whole is held at this time.

In its letter to the Director of Public Works, the Reform Club, rather unfairly we feel, suggests that it alone has conceived the dangers to public health attendant on the latest supply system. But surely it is inconceivable that the advice of the health authorities was not sought, or that their mature judgment was not taken into consideration when it was decided to apply the new restrictions?

Government is accused of taking an unnecessary "calculated risk," but this complaint is based on a difference of approach to the water problem. In the case of the Reform Club the premise is that it is unlikely the monsoon rains will fail to materialise. Government bases its action on the possibility of a prolonged drought extending into the summer months.

THE official attitude to the timely arrival of substantial rains is one of caution; that of the Reform Club of hope, based on the claim that usually we receive our monsoon rains. In fact, past years lend substantiation to both attitudes. It is, for example, well to remember that as recently as 1954, splendid spring rains were followed by a drought which extended through to August; in other words the monsoons failed us.

On the assumption that the worst will happen this summer, the new system of supply is justified. Government conceives it is essential that daily consumption should be reduced to an average of 17 million gallons which, based on current reserves, provides the Colony with a bare sufficiency of water for about 80 days. That at least gives the Colony a little borrowed time should the late May rains not arrive.

FROM the point of view of reducing public inconvenience and possibly lessening the dangers of epidemics, the Reform Club suggestion of a restricted water supply every 36 hours instead of every 48 hours possesses its merits. But, of course, the argument that if the monsoon rains break the present restrictions will have proved unnecessary would apply also to the 36-hour system. On the other hand, if the rains are seriously delayed, it will mean the Colony has consumed water which it would dearly like to have to meet an even more acute emergency.

Government cannot fairly be castigated for its current water policy. Whatever it does is to some degree a calculated risk. It has to be recognised that the supply position is precarious and that the chances of immediate improvement are extremely slim. It is proper that the authorities should make as least harsh as possible to the general public its measures for dealing with the situation, and if therefore, Government believes it could adopt the Reform Club's alternative system of supply without jeopardy to all other considerations, the community would heartily welcome such a move.

MARSHALL PLAN FOR S'PORE

'All Or Nothing At All' Demand

FULL CONTROL OF INTERNAL SECURITY WANTED

London, May 1.

The all-party Singapore "Merdeka" delegation today presented a joint memorandum to the Colonial Secretary, Mr Alan Lennox-Boyd.

Informed sources said the delegation unanimously reaffirmed its demand for complete control of Singapore's internal security.

Germany Gives 'No Secret Deals' Promise

London, May 1.

Dr Heinrich von Brentano, West German Foreign Minister, today pledged that no German Government would be prepared "either today or tomorrow" to conclude any "secret deal with Russia and 'betray the solidarity of the Western cause."

"We know that the German question and its solution does not depend on Germany alone, or the Soviet Union alone, but requires the common consent of all those represented at the Geneva (four-power) conference and the German people," he added.

The minister, who is now on a three-day visit to Britain, was answering questions after speaking at a lunch given in his honour by the Foreign Press Association.

He stressed that West Germany would not evade any discussion on German unity if she were asked, but these should not be with Russia alone but also include the three Western powers.—Reuter.

European Shot Dead In Goa

Goa, Apr. 28.

An official communiqué issued today said Senior Macel Chaves, a Forestry Department engineer, was shot dead on Thursday at Pala, in the Satur District of Goa, by a group of terrorists from the Indian Union dressed in uniforms similar to those of our police."

He is believed to be the first European to be killed since the dispute with India over Goa began.—Reuter.

(The receipt of this cable was delayed.)

100 Injured In Riot

Algiers, May 1.

More than 100 people, including two police, were believed to have been injured in riots which broke out in a downtown street here today after a funeral service in the Arab quarter.

Only about 10 were sent to hospital. Two policemen and a policeman's submachine gun fell and went off accidentally.

The riot occurred when police tried to disperse 4,000 Moslems who paraded down a main street after the funeral of a Moslem who was killed by the police on Sunday in an anti-terrorist operation.—France-Press.

Sultan's Son Dead

London, May 1.

Tengku Abu Bakar, the second son of the Sultan of Johore, died in a hospital today after an operation. He was 56. A former official in the Johore and Malayan Government services, Prince Abu had lived in London in recent years.—United Press.

SCOTS CONDEMN B & K VISIT TO QUEEN

London, May 1. The Free Church of Scotland today criticised the Government for making the Queen receive "representatives from a godless and atheistic state" on a Sunday. The Church's Question Com-

mittee said the Government had failed to impress Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev with "the orderly life of a Christian state." "This could not be done where the sanctity of the Lord's Day was trampled underfoot," said

the Committee. The Queen received the Soviet leaders for tea at Windsor Castle on a Sunday. Church groups had already protested against the Sunday visit before it took place.—United Press.

Duke Tells Boys: 'You'll Make A Mess Of It, Too'

London, May 1. The Duke of Edinburgh said today he had confidence that the younger generation would make "just as big a mess" of things as his own generation. "In fact, you are absolutely bound to

make mistakes in life — everything in the world is changing so quickly," he told boys of Ipswich School.

"The only thing I hope is that you will not make the same mistakes that we did. I expect that

even that is asking too much."

He said he was reluctant to speak, because he remembered when he was a schoolboy he used to think: "What a lot of nonsense these people talk."

The Duke closed with "traditional" advice — "which you will, equally traditionally ignore: avoid bigotry, admit your mistakes and be reasonably modest about your success." — United Press.

LAST MINUTE HITCH FOR HAMMARSKJOLD

Jerusalem, May 1.

The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjold, today decided to postpone his return to Rome and to stay in the Middle East.

A last-minute hitch in his plane for an Arab-Israeli ceasefire was the reason. He was to have returned to Rome tomorrow.

Instead, Mr Hammarskjold will fly to Damascus tomorrow to confer with Syrian officials.

According to usually reliable Israeli sources, Mr Hammarskjold told Israeli leaders today that Syria would agree to a ceasefire only if Israel agreed not to resume work on her Jordan River project at Benot Yaakov, in the demilitarised zone, south of Lake Hulch.

These sources said Israeli leaders expressed surprise at this as they had been given to understand that the Israeli-Syrian ceasefire would be unconditional, on the same lines as the Israeli-Egyptian ceasefire.

The Secretary-General conferred today with Israeli leaders. He will meet them again tomorrow before flying to Syria.

'Keep Away' Warning

Israel suspended work on the Benot Yaakov Jordan River irrigation plan two-and-a-half years ago, pending urgent consideration of the matter by the United Nations Security Council.

Israel claims it has the right to resume the work at any time.

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Three Die In Ship Fire

Edinburgh, May 1.

Three crew members died in a fire which broke out early this morning in two cabins of the 6,333-ton British steamer Cairnnavon, berthed at Leith Docks.

A carpenter Thomas Brownlee, 32, a galley boy, Robert Robson, 18, and a pantry boy, David Blane Raughay, 16, were trapped in their cabins and later found dead.

Another man and a woman were taken to hospital suffering from burns and shock.

Two cabins and part of the Cairnnavon's superstructure were damaged. The cause of the fire is not yet known.—United Press.

DEGREE FOR TRUMAN OPPOSED AT OXFORD

London, May 1.

Oxford University today decided to confer on the former United States President Mr Harry Truman an honorary degree of Doctor of Civil Law after overruling an objection that he was responsible for ordering the atom bombing of Japan.

The objection was raised by Miss Gladys Elizabeth Ancombe, a tutor in philosophy at Somerville College, who asked the University authorities: "If you do give this honour, what Nero, what Genghis Khan, what Hitler or what Stalin will not be honoured in the future?"

Miss Ancombe's objection was invited after Mr Alan Ballock, Censor of St Catherine's Society, said Mr Truman was not the only one responsible.

He spoke of the "generous help" given by the former President after the war to Europe and the world, and said it was due to Mr Truman that the United States did not again return into "a tragic isolationism" at the end of the last war.—France-Press.

Poujade Summoned

Paris, May 1.

Anti-tax campaigner Pierre Poujade was ordered by a judge today to appear in Court on June 14 on charges of "organising mass refusal to pay taxes." — France-Press.

HE'LL DIRECT BRITAIN'S FIRST H-TEST

From CHAPMAN PINCHER

London, May 1. The man who will bear the enormous responsibility for dropping Britain's first hydrogen bomb from an aeroplane was named tonight.

He is 45-year-old Air Vice-Marshal Wilfrid Ewart Coulton, who has been appointed to the special post of Force Commander for the H-bomb test which is scheduled to take place off Christmas Island in the Pacific next year.

He is now at Air Ministry headquarters in London planning the operation which will involve a huge task force of naval ships and Vickers Valiant jet bombers.

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DULLES' HINT ON NEW NATO

Washington, May 1.

The Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, said today the forthcoming Paris meeting of the Atlantic Council would be "an important meeting, because I think it is generally realised that the North Atlantic community needs to organise itself into something more than a military alliance".

Speaking at Washington, before boarding a plane for Paris to attend the Nato meeting, Mr Dulles said: "This does not imply that the military aspects of Nato have outlived their usefulness. On the contrary, it remains essential to maintain the military strength and unity of the free nations."

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NEW WAYS

"But the North Atlantic community is held together by sentiments far more profound than fear, and by objectives far more fundamental than military strength. I hope and expect that at this meeting we will begin to search out new ways to express our common purpose."

Mr Dulles is flying to Paris to start a week of intense diplomatic activity in which 15 Foreign Ministers will hold discussions on European and World problems.

The discussions will increase in scope as the week progresses, with the three-day meeting of the Nato Council, the centrepiece of a whole series of official and private discussions.

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SIBERIAN LABOUR CAMPS REVOLT

Former Prisoner Tells Of Uprisings

Vienna, May 1.

Construction work on Russia's top secret artificial sea project in central Siberia came to a complete halt earlier this month when riots flared in three slave labour camps, an Austrian recently freed by the Russians said today.

The ex-prisoner, who spent 11 years in various Russian prisons and slave labour camps, said more than 200 political prisoners of the camps and at least 12 MVD secret police were killed in a battle which followed the uprising.

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The Austrian, who asked his name be kept secret, said the riots took place in the camps of Verchnechirik, Verkine Imbatskoye, and Mirnoye, all located on the Yenisei River, about 600 miles north of Tomsk.

The work on the Yenisei artificial sea project came to a complete halt for at least one week, he said.

During the battle, at least 80 prisoners escaped.—United Press.

Detainees chiefs have decided the bomb must be exploded this way to avoid contaminating the island and shipping with radioactive dust.

It is unlikely Air Vice-Marshal Coulton will pilot the bomber. The crew he will fly will almost certainly be selected from those now in Australia to practise dropping dummy H-bombs from Valiants.—London Express Service.

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The news was confirmed to the prisoners by crew members of Yenisei River vessels.

Leader Shot Dead

On the evening of April 3, shortly after dinner, the prisoners formed a delegation and demanded immediate release.

The demand was directed to the commander of the Mirnoye camp, a Capt. Gorolikov, who flatly refused any discussion with the prisoners. When a member of their delegation repeated the demand, Gorolikov shot and killed him.

Immediately, other prisoners stormed his office and he was stabbed to death. Later, they seized prison guards and disarmed them, the ex-prisoner said.

A few hours later, two other camps were also in the hands of the political prisoners, who were supported by the criminal convicts.

The riots were quelled the next day by heavily summoned special MVD troops stationed in the Novosibirsk and Irkutsk districts.

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★ ★ Production Of Heavy Bombers ★ ★

RUSSIA OUTSTRIPPING U.S.

Reports Of Super High-Flying Jet Aircraft

Washington, May 1.

Defence Secretary Charles E. Wilson conceded today that Russia is outstripping the United States in producing heavy bombers.

He disclosed at a news conference that the Air Force plans to increase the size of its B-52 heavy bomber wings from 30 to 45 planes.

A recent production speed up order, he said will mean "more planes quicker."

Mr. Wilson refused to say whether he agrees with Gen. Curtis E. Le May, Strategic Air Commander that Russia will be ahead of the US in long-range air striking power in the 1958-1960 period.

"From the best information I have," Mr. Wilson said, "they are currently building at a higher rate than we are."

Neither the Soviets nor the United States, he said, are building heavy bombers at "a very high rate." The United States is known to be turning out about five B-52s a month.

Earlier, it was learned that Gen. Earl E. Partridge, Air Defence Commander, has warned Senate investigators that a new Russian jet bomber may be able to fly higher than any US interceptor now in use.—United Press.

PERONIST CONSTITUTION ABROGATED

Buenos Aires, May 1.

President Pedro Aramburu today proclaimed the abrogation of the Peronist constitution of 1949 and the return to the Argentine constitution of 1853.

Speaking at the city of Concepcion Del Uruguay, 155 miles north of Buenos Aires, President Aramburu announced the immediate return to the Argentine constitution of 1853.

The promulgation of the decree by the President was hailed by 21-gun salutes by Argentine military installations and naval vessels throughout Argentina.

President Aramburu made his speech at Concepcion Del Uruguay on the 105th anniversary of the uprising there of General Urquiza against Dictator Juan Manuel Rosas. The Democratic constitution of 1853

was proclaimed after Rosas fell from power.

President Aramburu then presented the programme of his government and its attitude toward the unions.

He announced:

1. The "presentation in the Democratic sense" of a law governing unions in order to re-establish trade union freedom.

2. The holding of free union elections and the return to free union activity within 150 days.

3. The establishment of social security in the near future.—France-Press.

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KASHMIR CHARGES

Karachi, May 1.
Mohammed Ali, Premier of Pakistan charged today that the people of Kashmir are being suppressed and that "anybody wanting a picheela is clamped in jail and beaten up."

The Premier told a Press conference in Dacca, capital of East Pakistan, that "a very serious situation is developing in Indian-occupied Kashmir."

Commenting on a reported Indian move to merge Kashmir with India, he said: "It is morally wrong and legally and constitutionally invalid to decide this question through unilateral action."—Reuter.



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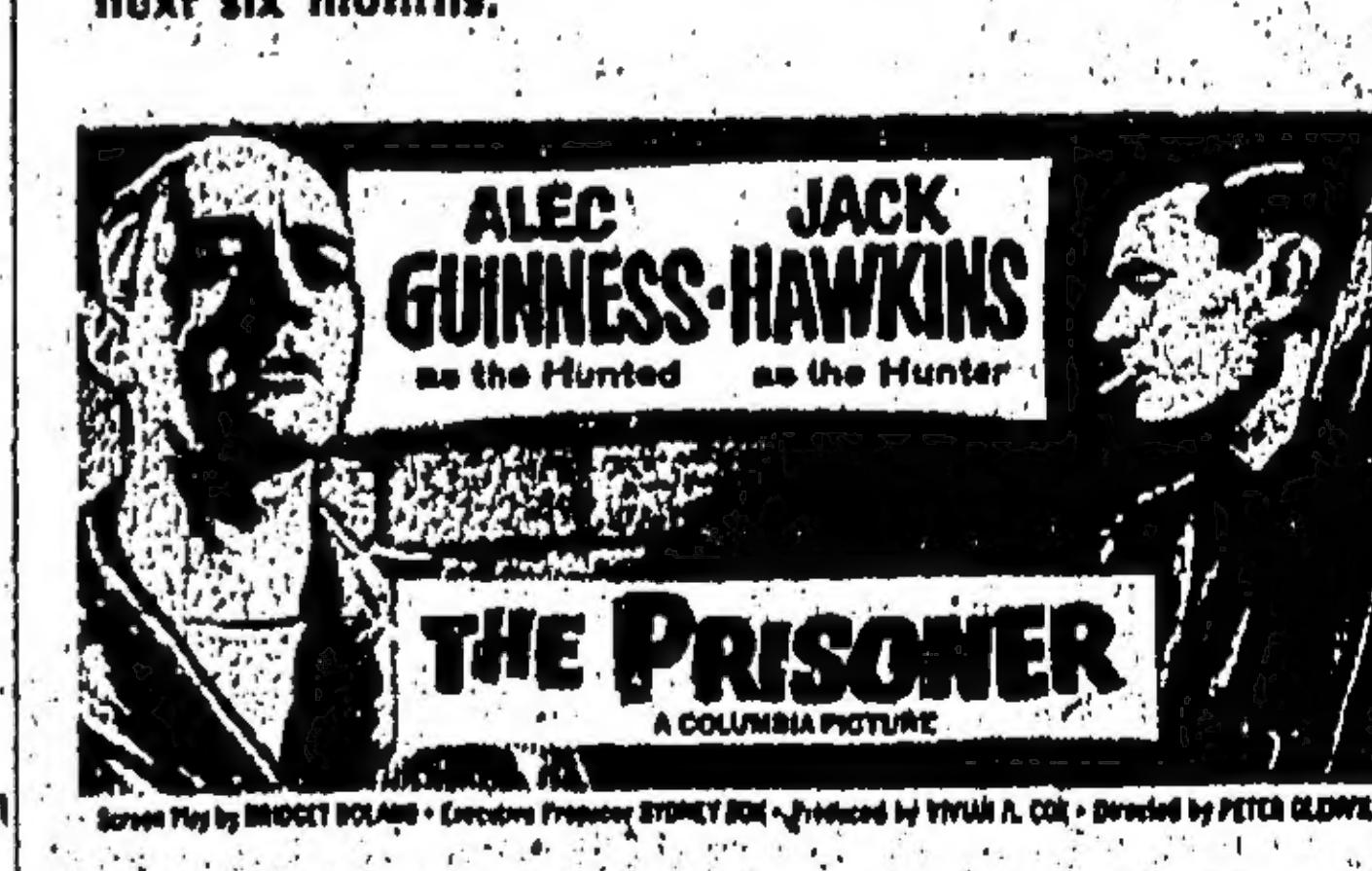
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THAT DINNER PARTY ROW

Severe Test For Gaitskell: Report Possible

By Fraser Wighton

Raging Floods In Italy

Rome, May 1. More rain today fed Italy's raging rivers which have already flooded thousands of acres of farmland and sent hundreds fleeing from their homes.

The boiling waters of the Arno tore off part of a bridge being built at Florence and carried it past the famed shop-lined Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge).

The Tiber spread out over more than 2,470 acres of grain fields at Perugia, and Rome waited uneasily for the big water to hit.—United Press.

WANTON ABUSE OF HOSPITALITY

Washington, May 1. Senator James Eastland said today that the United Nations should be asked "to do everything in its power to prevent further wanton abuse" of US hospitality by the chief Soviet UN delegate, Arkady Sobolev, and his staff.

Senator Eastland, chairman of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, referred to efforts on the part of Soviet diplomats to persuade Soviet refugees to return to Russia.

The United States last week expelled two members of the Soviet UN staff and chided Mr. Sobolev for their part in the re-defection of five Soviet sailors who obtained political asylum in this country.

Senator Eastland, whose subcommittee is investigating the incident, discussed the matter in a letter to Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, chief US delegate to the UN.

He urged Mr. Lodge to "call formally upon the United Nations to do everything in its power to prevent further wanton abuse of the hospitality of the United States by chief delegate Sobolev and his staff."—United Press.

Jerusalem, May 1. The United Nations Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjold will have talks with Israeli Premier David Ben-Gurion tomorrow morning before going to Damascus. From there he will fly to Beirut on his way to Rome and the United States.

The present talks concern the putting into effect of a formal ceasefire with Jordan and Syria.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



NATHANIEL GURBINS

So dazzling and confusing was the news that there were times when I wasn't quite sure if Bulganin was going to marry Grace Kelly or if Fatty Farouk had become Chancellor of the Exchequer and turned every British post office into a gambling hell.

There were also times when I wondered if Fatty had gone to the wedding, despite warnings of assassination, because he couldn't resist a free shiebel because he couldn't resist Grace.

Caviare for courage

MY life partner, the Plucky Little Woman, managed to keep her head throughout the excitement.

Among the pictures of The Wedding and the funny uncles she found a new feature in journalism called "A Psychiatrist's Notebook."

As we are always fascinated by psychologists because they never fail to find some obscure reason for normal behaviour we read it eagerly. We were not disappointed.

This mind doctor has discovered that people with hearty appetites eat too much because they are unhappy and feel unsafe.

But I was glad to note that the funny Russian uncles have lived up to their reputations.

We all know Fats is fond of drinking shiebel and looking at pretty girls ("looking," of course, being an understatement), and I hoped that an exciting week would be rounded off by Fats dashing into the reception with his Alabamian bodyguard and carrying off the bride like young 17 charmer.

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The gift of a baby bear may be all right at the time, but before what you do to it before it grows up and bites you to add off? That, I suppose, is the subtle joke which has driven world-wide reverberation.

If the funny uncles have started the belief of getting away national symbols like Russian bears as a gesture of goodwill it won't be long before President Eisenhower feels obliged to send Sir Anthony Eden an eagle. Then Sir Anthony will feel obliged to send President Eisenhower a bear.

After that France will send a fighting cock to both and more eagles will be sent all over the place by East and West Germany.

But if the thing gets out of hand I am not at all sure that international relations will be improved, particularly if Nehru starts sending elephants to everybody and the Chinese start dragons.

The funny uncles will get the full benefit of their delayed

action joke when Sir Anthony Eden looks out of his bedroom window one morning, Downing Street full of bears, eagles, fighting cocks, elephants and dragons, decides he has been working too hard, bursts into tears, and resigns.

and vodka landed at London Airport before they arrived at Portsmouth.

Although it is obvious that the funny uncles, despite their merry smiles, must live in perpetual anticipation of being bumped off by millions who don't think them very funny, the P.L.W. said she was unable to understand why if they need more food because they feel unsafe, it always has to be their native delicacy, caviare.

She said by the same reasoning British statesmen who feel a bit nervous would never go anywhere abroad without an aircraft full of Yorkshire pudding.

Guided missile

READING from the papers the P.L.W. said that the security men had not only searched manholes along the route taken by the funny uncles, but also checked the babies in their prams.

I said I had no idea why they had searched the manholes unless they thought that somebody had been piling sticks of dynamite under the road.

There was also the possibility that a frustrated British housewife, longing to kiss the uncles, might be shot up by a secret spring to fly over the heads of the police and land within earshot distance.

The P.L.W. asked: "But what could little baby in a pram do?"

I said a little baby in a pram, or anywhere else, could do a lot. British babies were already tired of being embraced by Molotov and they might want their revenge.

From my own experience of babies they could throw knives, forks, spoons, cups, saucers, tongs, and lumps of coal with deadly accuracy. I remembered that a baby had once hit me in the eye with a wet crust at a distance of ten yards.

The P.L.W. said: "But the uncles can't be frightened of being hit in the eye with a wet crust?"

I said no, but if you are always expecting something to be thrown at you, even a wet crust hurled through the air might be mistaken for a bomb.

This would upset the uncles' nerves. According to the psychiatrist a feeling of insecurity would increase their appetites.

They would send for another aircraft full of caviare. They might eat themselves to death. If so we would be accused of poisoning them.

The P.L.W. said: "And what then?"

I said: "A wet crust buried in an insect in a pram could be the spark that started the third world war."

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HAM AND EGGS WITH UNCLE HO

From Russell Spurr

Hanoi.

PRESIDENT Ho Chi Minh invited me to a six-o'clock ham and egg breakfast to warn that war may break out again in Indo-China.

He accused the Government of his bachelor neighbour to the south, Premier Ngo Dien-diem, of trying to scrap the armistice that stopped the war with the French two years ago.

This armistice divided Indo-China into Ngo's nominally democratic South Vietnam and Red North Vietnam run by President Ho.

Even before we met for breakfast, President Ho—Uncle Ho to his friends—had been in conference with his military and political advisors.

Then he received me in the gilt-and-gloss reception room of the former French Governor-General's palace.

I had been there once before, sipping cocktails with Dao Dat, the deposed ex-emperor, now exiled in the French Riviera, talked incessantly of horses but Uncle Ho discussed his daily life, the work of reconstruction, the British and, of course, the threat of war.

He precluded alone over the glass-topped coffee table. He helped me to fry eggs. "Surely we were on business—look what they got after eight years fighting. Nothing. And we have to rebuild the mess."

He then sat back in a massive easy chair, glass in hand, watching me with shrewd eyes.



"Very good, Sergeant—replace bearskins."

London Express Service

STALIN 'EXHUMED'

CHAPTER TWO IN A NEW APPRAISAL OF THE MAN WHOSE LEGEND STILL DOMINATES A NATION'S DESTINIES

WE receive our sun from Stalin. We receive our prosperous life from Stalin. Even the good life in the tundras filled with snowstorms. We made together with him, with the Son of Lenin, With Stalin the Wise."

This is from a "Song about the Return Sun." It was written in 1939. Stalin liked it. Thousands of miles away in Mexico, the defeated Trotsky said of the doggerel: "It is like the grunting of a pig. In England, in a book

called "Animal Farm," George Orwell inscribed the motto of the pigs who conquered the farm: "All animals are equal but some are more equal than others."

At the end of January 1924 Stalin spoke over Lenin's corpse. He meant:

"In leaving us Comrade Lenin ordered us to hold high and keep pure the great title of member of the Party. Stalin was the bureaucrat, the dull Georgian who could be satisfied with the apparatus of the Party machine while the others made the speeches and the theories and the plans of commandment."

Here was the beginning of the new religion, spoken in the rough accents of the man who had been taught by the monks of Tiflis Theological Seminary. Stalin made Lenin a god before he had buried him.

Four months later Lenin's will was read before the Central Committee of the Party. Its postscript said: "Stalin is too rude and this fault becomes unbearable in the office of General Secretary. Therefore I propose to the comrades to find a way to remove Stalin from that position and appoint another man."

It is difficult to see into the man at this time. Until 1929 he is content to have power, to eliminate opposition. He does not know what to do with his power.

He survived, through interminable doctrinal disputes and personal squabbles, through crises abroad and reaction at home.

As each group of opposition was defeated there was less room for ideas; the net grew tighter.

What drove on this Georgian peasant? The seed in him was not enough; the thirst for power was unquenchable.

But famine threatened the country and Stalin panicked; he panicked into a second revolution, which took away the land.

Slowly the frenzy died away. Its last gesture, the last ripple, smashed out Trotsky's trains in Mexico in 1940.

By then the war was beginning. By then the might of Russia was something to be reckoned with.

The revolution was dead, but dying it had given birth to a new world power; and Stalin was both midwife and father.

TREATY

SUDDENLY the horizon opened; the world became Stalin's field. Hitler seized Prague. Britain sought allies, plunged into pacts with Poland and Rumania.

Litvinov, then Foreign Minister, who had dreamed of an inviolable peace, resigned and Molotov took his place. Ribbentrop came to Moscow; the German-Soviet treaty was signed.

It was a decision of power politics, but still it shocked the West. Throughout the thirties, Socialists and fellow-travellers could gaze on Russia with hope, and comfort their consciences with pink spectacles.

Now they saw a straightforward agreement between two dictators. They should not have been so shocked.

Then Hitler invaded Russia. Stalin, Krushchev, now tells us, was shocked and surprised. The one person he ever trusted seems to have been Hitler. Stalin, like Krushchev, told his troops not to fire at first. He thought the German armies were moving by mistake.

But there was steel enough left in the man. Or so it seemed during the war. The final test of history is not yet written. But Trotsky, who did not see the war, but who from Mexico had seen the peace and the terror of the thirties, wrote this epitaph for Stalin: "The vengeance of history is more terrible than the vengeance of the most powerful General Secretary."

Trotsky found that consoling is Khrushchev to be the agent of history's vengeance.

TOMORROW

The fallen idol

WHEN the will was read Stalin was sitting on the steps of the rostrum. An eyewitness said: "He looked small and miserable. Terrible embarrassment paralysed all those present."

What could save Stalin now, after he had already made a god of the man who from the grave rejected him?

Comrade Zinoviev, whom Stalin was later to destroy when his usefulness had passed, got to his feet and said: "Comrades, every word of Lenin is law to us.... But we are happy to say that in one point Lenin's theory has proved groundless. I have in mind the point about our General Secretary."

The General Secretary was saved. And already the General Secretary had the power, although ostensibly it was divided in the triumvirate of Stalin, Zinoviev, and Kamenov, and challenged from the outside by Molotov.

But the others were still broken. They were divided from each other and one by one they were disgraced. Comrades, I say, for peace, and are working for peace, but the situation is delicate.

Column of little green-clad soldiers were patrolling past the iron railings, across what is now the Kremlin Red Square, squads of Tommy-gunners practised on bamboo targets. "Unification and peace," roared a passing platoon.

"More coffee?" asked Uncle Ho. He munched bread and butter with the roll of a man.

"The British know how to make friends, particularly in the East. Now the French—

"we are on to business—look what they got after eight years fighting. Nothing. And we have to rebuild the mess."

He then sat back in a massive easy chair, glass in hand, watching me with shrewd eyes.

TERROR

STALIN, the Man of Steel, snapped. He violently abused his wife. She left the house. That night she was killed.

Stalin offered to go. "Maybe I have, indeed, become an obstacle to the Party's unity. If so, comrades, I am ready to sacrifice myself."

No one dared say yes. There was a long silence. Then Molotov, Stalin's protege, said: "Stop it! Stop it! You have got the Party's confidence."

For a moment in 1941 Stalin

wobbled, indecisive. Then a member of the Politburo said:

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BASEBALL**SIXTH STRAIGHT DEFEAT FOR CHICAGO CUBS**

New York, May 1.

Chicago Cub pitchers generally give Willie Mays a lot of trouble, but it was a different story today when he smashed out two triples, scored one run and drove in another while leading the New York Giants to a 2-1 victory.

Jim Hearn went the distance for the Giants, pitching a four-hitter and striking out five for his first triumph. Warren Hacker gave up all six of New York's hits in the eight innings he worked and was the loser.

Mays smashed his first triple in the fourth inning and scored when Doc Fordy plopped Don Spencer's grounder. Don Rock led the score with a home in the bottom of the fourth, but the Giants fashioned the deciding run in the sixth when Alvin Dark singled and drove home on Mays' second triple off the centrefield wall.

2,000 Guineas Callover Prices

London, May 2. Roister, outsider of the two Irish challengers, was the heavier-backed horse at last night's final Victoria Club callover on the 2,000 Guineas first turf classic of the year to be run at Newmarket today.

No big wagers were struck in an unusually quiet session but Roister had support to run about 6,000 pounds sterling. His odds were cut to 100-7 from 100-6.

The other Irish-trained runner, Milestone, joined Drum Head as 3-1 second favourite.

The French colt Phyllis remained favourite at 5-1.

Of the outsiders Hamana, who will be the first English classic runner saddled by former Champion jockey Sir Gordon Richards, was backed from 50 to 40-1 mostly for win and place. China Mail Special.

FINAL ODDS

London, May 2. Final odds quoted at the Victoria Club callover last night on the 2,000 Guineas, to be run at Newmarket today.

5-1 Phyllis.

5-1 Drum Head and Milestone.

100-7 Rustam.

100-7 Roister.

20-1 Milestone, Final Court and Hudson Ardent.

20-1 Cash and Courage, Haut Brian, Runcorn and Little Rock.

40-1 King David II and Hamana.

30-1 and upwards others.

Next callover on the Epsom Derby Monday May 7.—Reuter.

GOLF**British Ryder Cup Player Takes First Round Lead**

Surrey, May 1. Arthur, 48-year-old home club professional and British Ryder Cup player, took a first round lead with a record-equalling 65 when the £2,800 sterling Dunlop 90 holes golf tournament opened here today.

Lees, who played on the 6,527 yards new course, where half the field of nearly 200 were in action today, had halves of 33 and 32 and his score consisted entirely of threes and fours.

Charlie Ward, 44, another Ryder Cup international, had equal halves of 32 to take over second place with 66.

Next on the 67 mark came Harry Bradshaw (Ireland) and Alan Poulton of Yarmouth, both of whom played today on the shorter 6,477 yards old course.

Eight overseas nations as well as the four Home countries are represented in the tournament, which will be reduced to a field of 40 players for the final 30 holes on the new course on Friday.—China Mail Special.

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Secretary.

POINTS DECISION FOR GAVILAN

Kid Gavilan (Cuba), left, hits Peter Waterman (Clapham) with a left during their international Welterweight contest which was won by Gavilan on points on April 24 at Earl's Court.—Central Press Photo.

It was the sixth straight loss to the Cubs.

A successful squeeze bunt by Demarest capped a two-run rally in the eighth inning and gave Kansas City a 3-2 triumph over Boston. A walk and singles by Jim Findigan and Joe Ginsberg tied the score at two-all in the eighth and Demarest's squeeze bunt brought Findigan in with the winning run.

HIS FIRST VICTORY

Lou Kroll hurled a seven-hitter for his first victory in the Athletics first in the last six games. Bob Porterfield suffered the setback.

The Yankees led off for 11 hits in four Tiger pitchers in drumming out a 9-2 victory. Mickey Mantle hit his fifth homer in the first inning of loser Steve Gromek and Hank Bauer also homered for the Yanks. Southpaw Whitey Ford struck out six batters and gave up seven hits in posting his third complete game victory.

Cleveland was at Washington and Chicago at Baltimore in American League night games, while in National League arc-light contests Pittsburgh was at St. Louis, Philadelphia at Milwaukee and Brooklyn at Cincinnati.—United Press

BOXING**Sensational First Round Win By Henry Cooper**

London, May 1. Henry Cooper of London scored a sensational first round win over Brian London of Lancashire in a 10-round bout between two of Britain's brightest Heavyweight prospects here tonight.

This was London's 18th professional fight and his first defeat. By coincidence he sealed 13 stone 13 lbs.

A left hook to the jaw had London in trouble at the Hammersmith Hall here and a further series of three stinging short lefts left London unable to defend himself and the referee stopped the fight after two minutes 33 seconds.

Britain's two other leading Heavyweights, contender, Joe Eskin of Cardiff and Dick Richardson of Newport, will clash in another unofficial eliminating bout at Cardiff on May 7.—China Mail Special.

OLYMPIC SOCCER

Communist China Meet Philippines On June 3-5

Calcutta, May 1. Communist China and the Philippines will meet in a preliminary round of the Olympic football tournament here on June 3 and 5 under the auspices of the Indian Football Association. It was announced today.

In the event of a tie after both legs of the match a third match will be arranged.

Pankaj Gupta, President of the All-India Football Federation, said he was arranging visits for the two teams in conjunction with the Indian FA.—Reuter.

DRAWN MATCH

Saarbruecken, West Germany, May 1. Saarland and Switzerland drew 1-1 in a soccer match.

Switzerland led 1-0 at half time.—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLES

LOOK, GUY, IT'S EASY WITH THIS SPECIAL CEILING PAINT!

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Australia's Test Team Probably On View Against Worcestershire

Worcester, May 2.

Australia's team for the first Test will probably be on view when they open their tour with the time-honoured match against Worcestershire here today.

It is generally the policy of touring teams to put their strongest available side into the field for this game and invariably they run into strong opposition.

Last season the County began by beating South Africa, they can hardly expect to repeat that performance against the Australians, but it would be a tremendous start to what may be an eventful season if they could hold the tourists.

Three years ago opening batsman Don Kenyon took a cen-

tury out of Messrs Lindwall, Miller, Archer and Benard and played himself into the first two Test teams. He and the County's new captain, left-hander Peter Richardson, who toured Pakistan during the winter, could lay the foundation of a good start if they strike form.

NOTABLE OMISSION

Keith Miller, the tourist's Vice Captain, was notable omission when the Australians announced their team for the match.

The team is Ian Johnson, Captain; McDonald, Jim Burke, Ken Mackay, Neil Harvey, Ian Craig, Len Maddicks, Richie Benard, Pat Crawford, Alan Davidson, Ray Lindwall.

Twelfth man is John Rutherford.

Johnson said there was no particular reason for leaving Miller out of the team.

"I have chosen a balanced side," he said.

Johnson has taken an early chance to "blood" four of the seven players who have not previously toured England. They are Burke, Mackay, Maddicks and Crawford.

Rutherford is also making his first trip.—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP MATCHES**Israel And Luxembourg Beaten In First Round**

Oslo, May 1.

Norway beat Israel 4-1 in their first round European Zone Davis Cup Tie which ended here today.

Norway won the two remaining Singles matches, Finn Soohoo defeating Elczer Dvidman 7-5, 6-8, 6-0, 6-4 and Gunnar Sjøvold beating Arichard Avidan 6-0, 6-1, 6-0, 6-4.

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Ballestrem had not played earlier in the tournament but was allowed to replace Paul Blondel in the tournament but was allowed to replace Paul Blondel when Switzerland took a winning lead before the last Singles.

CANADIAN BOXER RETIRES AFTER 146 FIGHTS

Quebec City, May 2. Fernando Gagnon, Canadian Bantamweight Boxing Champion, said today he had given up his crown and retired after 146 fights. He said he sent an official letter of retirement to Quebec Boxing Commission Chairman Gene Léjourneau.—United Press.

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Sports Diary**TODAY**

Meeting Executive Committee at Club Lisztal, Tennis.

Men's "C" Division section "A": LRC (2) v POC, SCA v CCC (1), CFC (2), Urban C. v KTOCA (2), Section "B": KTOCA (2) v LRC, USRC v KTOCA, CCC (2) v LRC (1), CRC (1) v KCC, CCC (2) v CRC.

Mixed "A": HKCC v CRC.

Memorial Cup Final: Hong Kong Combined Chinese v Kowloon Combined Chinese at Club ground, 8.30 p.m.

TOMORROW

Tennis Meeting Executive Committee at Education Dept., 5.30 p.m.

LEAGUE TENNIS

The Colony Tennis League commenced yesterday with eight matches in both the Men's "B" and Ladies "B" divisions being played.

Chinese Recreation Club "A" team easily beat CCC (1) by seven games to two.

The following were the results of League Tennis matches played yesterday:

Men's "B" DIVISION

CRC (1) beat CCC (1) by 7-3, Lo and Pereira and J. Hsu (2) beat H. H. Tsou and C. K. Chau 6-2; beat R. Baker and H. Rumjahn 6-0.

C. P. Ho and M. C. Ng (CRC) beat E. M. Pereira and J. Hsu (2) 6-2; beat R. Baker and H. Rumjahn 6-0.

M. Lo and T. T. Chow (CRC) lost to E. M. Pereira and J. Hsu (2) 6-2; beat H. H. Tsou and C. K. Chau 6-2; lost to R. Baker and H. Rumjahn 6-0.

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**This Is No Place To Send
Our Immature Amateurs
UNTRIED PUNCHERS
PITCHED
INTO POLAND**

By GEORGE WHITING

London.

Trust the dear old Amateur Boxing Association to panic, and to do the wrong thing at the wrong time.

Faced with almost inevitable good hidings in Warsaw (May 6) and Gdansk (May 8), our selectors, one would have thought, would have delayed their naming of a team for this month's Poland trip until after their own Championship finals, at Wembley had offered up-to-date clues to current form and state of health.

Instead, they appear to have allowed themselves to be frightened by administrative details—visas, etc.—and have picked what can only be described as one of the least substantial teams ever to represent Britain in a major international match.

Have they not heard that Poland is one of the hottest amateur boxing countries in the world, bolstered by all the resources of State-aided training, medical funds, tap-water dormitories and every mod con?

Having had some small acquaintance with post-war boxing in Warsaw, I assure our amateur selectors that it is no place to send immature amateurs—or amateurs who cannot even maintain supremacy here at home.

I am a fully paid-up member of the have-a-go-and-to-blazes-with-a-the-result school of thought—but I consider the ABA are doing the sport less than justice by ignoring their own Championships in their search for a really representative team for so important a fixture.

If the side they have chosen is comprised of the best 10 amateur boxers available in this country then we are indeed at the bottom of the barrel.

NO JUSTICE

I except from these possibly sour criticisms our "wry-way-round" European Champions, featherweight Tommy Nicholls and welterweight Nicky Gargano. We can also harbour fair-to-middling hopes of, say, burge builder Don Weller at bantam, milkman Ron Redrup at middle, and after Dave Rent at heavyweight.

I fail to see either justice or reason, however, in the selection of light-middleweight Terry Collins after his recent London Championship defeat by Earlsfield's Ron Garnett.

Can it be that Garnett's tank-in-action methods are considered too rumbustious for the delicate Poles? Or was I dreaming when I thought I heard the Flins cheering his belligerence in Helsinki a few months ago?

Dock-worker Collins, 21, is an earnest trier who will assuredly put his best fist forward in Warsaw—and he will need to. He is matched with a robust character called Zbigniew Pietrzekowski, whom I saw give the then pre-eminent Bruce Wells a run for his money in

PAIRINGS

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The milk and cream for the raffle winner, to be delivered in small lots over a year, would normally cost almost £25—China Mail Special.

**Denis Compton
In Hospital For
The Third Time**

London, May 1. The England and Middlesex cricketer, Denis Compton, was admitted to hospital today for the third time in six months to undergo treatment for his right knee.

The knee was removed last November. He was to undergo a manipulative operation the second in a month. United Press.

VRC MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club will be held at the Board Room of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, on Friday, April 6, at 6.30 p.m.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the.....Club.....

(Signed).....

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J. L. MANNING'S SPORTS DIARY

**AUSTRALIANS ARE ALL SET
TO CORNER THE MARKET**

London. The Australian cricketers arrived on April 24 with no other thought but adding the Ashes to their fine collection of the Davis Cup, The Open Golf Championship, and a growing number of world athletic and swimming records.

Luckily for us their cricket lags behind the dramatic advance of their other sports, so if we are to beat them at anything this Olympic year it will be in the Tests.

But I am not optimistic. On the eve of the cricket season there does not appear enough batting in all England to give our bowlers a fair target. We lack reliability and experience at the start of an innings, and match-winning aggression in the middle.

If these qualities reappear magically by June my pessimism would drift away. But right now it looks that the bowlers, even with a summer song in their hearts, wouldn't give me much for a Low Head—Farn Johnson—John Landy ante-post treble.

LONGER BATTING

It is true, of course, that the Australian captain has flattened his team to deceive us. These tactics are nearly as old as Test cricket.

Johnson praises his longer batting order hoping we shall not get around to his bowling weaknesses. The truth is that Miller and Lindwall breathe fire for only a few overs before running short of puff.

Meanwhile Walter Robins started discussions on the "dragging" law. For my part I don't think this matters two hoots. It's been going on for years without causing any real trouble.

My own contribution to the darkening situation is highly irrelevant. For recently I debated on radio with Viscount Cobham, Walter Robins, Wilfred Wooller, and Rex Alston; "MCC and the public—should a private club run cricket?"

Methinks the BBC have got it all wrong. We all should have been locked up in the Long Room debating "MCC as a Restrictive Practice."

But I must not give cricket its cue too early. Football still has the better stories. The story of Jimmy Delaney, for instance.

This Sunday in Dublin Delaney, with more than a touch of boldness at the age of 41, will be set for a remarkable Soccer record.

In his team, Cork Athletic, beats Shamrock Rovers in the FA of Ireland Cup Final, his record of winners' medals will be:

Scottish Cup: Celtic, 1937.
English Cup: Manchester U., 1948.

Irish Cup: Derry City, 1954.
Eire's Cup: Cork Athletic, 1956.

What a lifetime it's been for Delaney. The Scottish Cup Final in 1937 drew the biggest ever crowd to Hampden Park—147,000—and the 1948 Final at Wembley (Manchester United 4, Blackpool 2) is one of the greatest cup-ties I have ever watched.

HIS OWN FAN CLUB

The best of the Delaney story is to come. He is the only footballer who has his own supporters' club.

It was formed in his native village of Celand in the Lancashire coal-field, where he has been a sporting idol for more than 20 years.

Its title is the Jimmy Delaney Football Club—pleasing relic of horse-drawn days—and there are more than 50 members. With 50 more villagers, made absolute for the day, the Brake Club will be in Dublin this Sunday.

And the remaining 3,000 inhabitants of Celand will be upstanding that day to drink to the health of the "king across the sea."

As usual the Army will be entering two teams and although the opposition strength is well known there is a feeling of quiet confidence in the soldiers' camp. The following nine players have been nominated for each of the two teams:

"A" Team: Sgt. Alien (RAEC), Spt. Robson (RE), Pte. Jones (RAMC), Pte. Egerton (1 King's Own), Pte. Bowering (7 H's), Pte. Smith (RE), Pte. McLoughlin (1 King's Own), L/Bdr. Marlin (27 HAA) and L/Bdr. Sles (16 Med).

"B" Team: L/Bdr. Charlesworth (27 Lt Bty), Tpr. Mullett (7 H), Spt. McInnes (RE), L/Cpl. Toltry (6 COD), Cpl. Chalmers (27 HAA), Gnr. Hogan (27 Lt Bty), Sgt. Chetwray (RAPC), Gnr. Laycock (15 Med Regt).

It is hoped that it will be possible to run a course for Water Polo referees before the start of the season and the DOPA would still like to hear from potential officials. Some names have already been received, but there is plenty of room for more. The Water Polo programme in the months ahead will require a large number of competent referees.

And a final reminder about the season's final meeting of the Army Football Referees Association. This will be held at the NAAFI Club in Cheltenham Road on Saturday, and the committee asks every member to make a special effort to be present. Business will start at 10 a.m.

Reference: Jack Husband of London is kicked and tripped by a Uruguayan footballer at Wembley, and the heel-happy player threatens to refuse to leave the field when ordered.

In the scene which followed Husband reiterated my advice to all referees to the example of Arthur Ellis, similarly defied by Argentinians at Coventry last January. He saw the game through.

I hope all those schoolroom preachers and armchair moralists who wrote angrily to protest about my criticism of Ellis will now make a hearty meal of their own words.

Ellis himself took it very sportingly, although we argued inconclusively. That was a few weeks later when we met to broadcast on "Sportmanship".

By the way, I have not seen

Husband since the beginning of the season. We met at the Dynamo Stadium, Moscow, where he had been given the biggest cheer by 60,000 Russians watching him referee a game with Hungary.

I found Husband very lonely in the dressing-room with two foreign incomers whose language he couldn't speak. I told him Ellis had "done a fine job" for Britain.

So the tennis authorities are not so much getting tough as they are becoming rational. Good sense is the best detective in this wonderland of amateur tennis.

BEST TENNIS STORIES

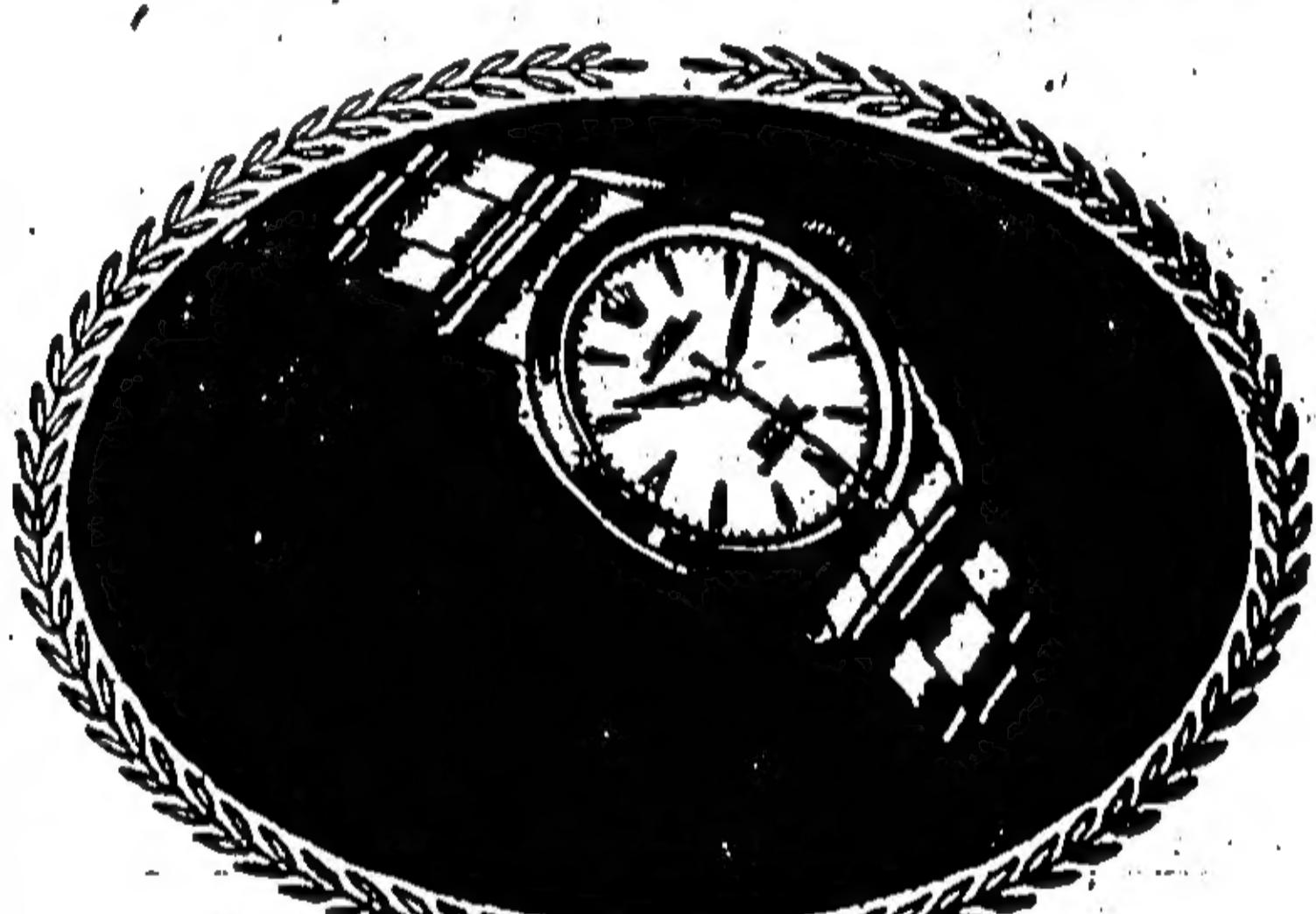
Three of the best tennis stories this week are repeated for your information:

A French official asked a Dunlop's man if the star whom he had met under his wing would play in a Paris tournament. When told he would not, the French official said: "Is that so?" Then, monsieur, we shall use Slazenger balls."

Next, from Australia came Frank Sedgman's cute little remark: "It won't apply to be an amateur this week, because I've just fixed up another professional tournament."

Finally, Cussell's, the publishers, have taken Harry Hopman's book, "Aces and Places," out of their spring list. My guess is that Harry is letting it cool down a bit. Why worry? Hasn't he now got a job with a millionaire?

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ADMIRAL SNORKEL PEN

JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

IT WAS MARY'S FIRST SLIP

MARY, at 73, is one of those gentle creatures to whom the hurrying world pays scant attention. Her long life has been blameless, and it is one of the ironies that, had it been otherwise, she might have qualified for one or other of the diverse kinds of help reserved exclusively for those who slip from the path of virtue.

As it is, she has had no one to consult but herself when problems have piled up for her like storm clouds.

Mary was born in North London, and perhaps as a girl, at the turn of the century, she dreamed of some day escaping from the endless acres of dispiriting bricks and mortar.

ODD JOBS

BUT for her there was to be no escape, and the little streets that were her nursery as a child, now provide a noisome setting for her retirement.

Not that Mary's retirement is quite complete. For out of the £2 a week old age pension she receives, she pays 35s. a week in rent for the unfurnished flat that is her home, and though her demands are modest enough, and her tastes simple, even she cannot live on the 5s. left.

So Mary does odd jobs for a number of people, which earns her a few shillings more and, almost as important, gives her something to think about, something to do.

WARMER INSIDE

THE other afternoon, when the skies suggested that spring was not far off, Mary decided to go for a walk. Outside, the day proved its treachery, for a thin wind was whistling down the little streets from the north-east. Mary began to shiver.

She could have gone home again, but she spent enough time alone in her flat. She walked to a local cinema, but the picture showing made no appeal to her.

She turned, as she had done often before when she had time on her hands, into a bustling store. At least it was warm in there, and the company of strangers was preferable to no company at all.

BEAUTY AIDS

SHE had 32s. in her purse, but she had no intention of spending any part of it in the store, most of it being earmarked already for buying necessities elsewhere.

Slowly, Mary strolled through the store, a neat little woman with a jaunty independence

about her that years of living on her own had bred.

Suddenly, Mary began to steal. Right under the eyes of a store detective, she began to help herself to things from the counters—two bottles of hand-lotion, some cleaning tissues, all 12s. worth of the oddments women buy to beautify themselves.

She was stopped as she left the shop, and in a dozen sort of way agreed: "Yes, yes, that's right, I've stolen these things."

NO TIME TO LOSE

AT Clerkenwell court, before Mr E. G. Hobey, she pleaded guilty to the thefts. "I simply don't know what possessed me," she said, "that's all I can say. I'd been walking around the town, you see, and I went in to get warm, and I don't know why I took the things."

"It's a great pity, you know," the magistrate began.

"I know it," Mary put in. "I'm thoroughly ashamed of myself."

"Well, don't ever let it happen again," said the magistrate. "This time you must pay 40s. I'll give you 20 days to pay."

"Thank you," said Mary, and she hurried away, as if she did not want to lose a minute of those 20 days. She would have to do a good many odd jobs in that time, to raise the money.

THE PROSECUTION

Law Ping, a 25-year-old cookie, who assaulted a woman in the street, was sentenced to seven days by Mr F. X. D'Almada at Central this morning.

The Prosecution said the woman, Lee Ming, was leaving the Kam Ling Theatre with two of her friends on the afternoon of April 12 when the defendant approached her and struck her on the face with his fist. He ran away and was arrested by a Police detective and a woman constable.

Mr Peter C. C. Wong, of Messrs Hastings, who represented the defendant, said defendant had known the complainant. He said the incident arose when the complainant made an abusive remark about him.

He asked the Court to take into consideration that defendant had been in custody for three weeks.

Passing sentence, Mr D'Almada said defendant "should not go around assaulting women however aggrieved he might feel."

THE DEFENCE

A fine of \$300 or two months and 14 days was imposed on Chan Koo, 40, master of a speedboat, by Mr Hin-shing Lo.

Central this morning, for being underway without navigation lights and failing to stop when signalled to do so by a Revenue launch.

Chan's vessel, the Silver Moon, was intercepted off Kap Shui Mun at about 2 o'clock this morning.

DETECTIVES CHASE TAXIS

Hearing of a case against a Sanitary Department coolie and a vegetable hawker, charged with possession of arms, opened before Mr W. F. Pickering at Central this morning.

Defendants were Yam Kwan-ching, 22, of 118 Apilu Street, ground floor, and Poon Kok-on, alias On Tsui, 22, of hut No. 6, 6th Lane, Tai Cheng Street, Walled City. They pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Outline of the case, DSI Anderson said that acting on information party of Police detectives went to Landale Street, Wanchai, to make a search on April 28. They found nothing unusual there and were about to leave when they saw two taxis travelling from that street into Queen's Road East.

The passengers in the two taxis were peering through the windows of the vehicles in a suspicious manner. The detectives went back to their car and gave chase. At the junction of Wanchai Road and Tai Wo Street they intercepted the taxis.

The passengers started to run away. The detectives gave chase and eventually arrested the two defendants who were then in possession of two matchets. Police later found another matchet and a chopper. The case is continuing.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Dad, if Paul and I would get married at 14 years old, do you think they'd put us on television?"

Appeal Against Judge's Order

One of three brothers involved in an action over 11,500 shares in the Hongkong Tramways Co., brought an appeal before the Full Court this morning against an order of Mr Justice Reynolds made in Chambers.

The appellant was the first defendant in the action. E. S. Kong of 127 Robinson Road. He was ordered by Mr. Reynolds on April 14 to file within five days further particulars of defence to a claim brought by his brother, S. L. Kong (plaintiff) of 125 Robinson Road which alleged that the shares were bought between 1938 and 1941 with partnership money.

The second defendant in the main action is another brother, S. M. Kong.

E. S. Kong filed a defence that the shares were bought with his own personal monies and not with those of the partnership.

The Judge ordered further particulars regarding the dates on which the shares were bought; the numbers of the shares; whether they were paid for by cash or cheques; if by cash from what source; and by cheque, the name of the bank.

The Full Court hearing the appeal comprises the Chief Justice, Mr M. J. Hogan, and Senior Puisne Judge, Mr Justice C. W. Reece.

The appellant, E. S. Kong, is represented by the Hon. Leo d'Almada QC and Mr Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr A. W. K. Lui; and the respondent, S. L. Kong, by Mr John McNeill QC, Mr Brook Bernachi and Mr Oswald Cheung, instructed by Mr P. A. L. Vine.

SUBMISSIONS

Mr d'Almada submitted that Mr Justice Reynolds should not have made the order for further particulars. It was quite clear that the particulars sought were really the kind of particulars the plaintiff was entitled to enable him to know the nature of the case he had to meet or to prevent him from being taken by surprise. They were particular seeking out what evidence the defendant would rely upon if called to prove his contention that the shares were purchased with his own money.

Citing authorities, Mr d'Almada contended that particulars should only be ordered to prevent an element of surprise and to enable a litigant to know the nature of the case he had to meet. Particulars were not for the purpose of telling the other side how the case of his adversary was going to be proved, nor was it to inform him of his adversary's case.

It was sufficient to tell the plaintiff of the defendant's case and also to enable him to know the nature of the evidence he had to be prepared to meet.

Asking the Court to allow his appeal, Mr d'Almada submitted that none of the particulars sought were ordered because none of them made the plaintiff's case clearer or assisted in preparing his case.

The appeal is continuing.

Stage shows are the thing of the next few weeks in Hongkong and although they do not come under the heading of "records" as a rule, I would like to mention one or two of them. "Eddie D'Alton's Clever Revue" which opens at the Princess Theatre next week is one of the biggest stage presentations to be seen here since the war and I have heard reports from Japan that the show is really good. Some of the singers have recorded in the Philippines and the scenery is of the highest standard.

Also scheduled for a local visit is the Los Angeles Philharmonic and of course the big US Air Force band-cum-orchestra. Both of these groups have recorded and discs of the first are available in the colony.

Once again the question arises — why doesn't someone bring out some of the big name popular singers? The Far East circuit includes Singapore and Tokyo but never Hongkong. A few weeks ago I mentioned that some of the top stars were coming but there is still no further news.

The names mentioned to me included Patti Page and I know that for the past two years the rumour that Patti is coming has been circulating from time to time. It's time someone did come.

THE DUCHIN STORY

The next film biography of a music maker is to be "The Eddie Duchin Story". You may remember that I expressed an opinion about two months ago that the next one might be all about Louis Armstrong but now I can tell you that it is Eddie who receives the treatment.

The part is played by Tyrone Power, who has the lovely star of "Picnic", Kim Novak, playing the female lead. Eddie Duchin, now dead, was one of the most popular of pianists in the 1920's. You will be hearing more about him before the film arrives but I doubt if the public will pay quite as much attention as Glenn Miller and Benny Goodman.

ODDS AND ENDS

Among the stars signed up for local recordings by Europe's biggest label are Lola Young, very popular Chinese film star, Koo Mei, who used to sing at the Princess Garden Restaurant and Lui Gee, in just a few months the first releases will be out and the distribution set up will see them in all major Asian cities.

A song due to be recorded is "Nightfall", based on Paul Whiteman's poem "In-Spiration". This number will be the theme music for a film of the same name starring Aldo Ray, Anne Bancroft and Brian Keith.

THE MOUNTAIN" SONG

More progress to report on the theme song from the locally made English dialogue film "The Mandarin's Bowl". As mentioned before, one of the big American companies is definitely interested in it and a vice-president of the company is expected to drop in from Japan quite soon to discuss the details. Already the local bands have been playing the song "Beneath the Mountain of Peace" and they report that the public are beginning to request it.

Sheet music of the number is ready and has been sent to various parts of the world and the signs look good.

THE STARS SING

Not content with having played almost every part there is, Burt Lancaster has now undertaken a musical. Maybe it was the example set by Marlon Brando. The number of film stars who have made records is increasing. We have heard Brando's voice singing the "Guys and Dolls" numbers and of course Jean Simmons had a go too.

There is also a record in existence of Lucille Ball doing a number with her husband, Desi Arnaz.

Sir Laurence Olivier and Marilyn Monroe, now business partners have put their voices on record and to have many other of the big Hollywood names. Who, I wonder, will be next?

Spring Floods

Chicago, May 1. Floods forced about 100,000 people to leave their homes in the southern part of the city. Rainfall of 10 inches in 24 hours caused the Illinois River to overflow its banks.

St. Louis, Mo., and Memphis, Tenn., also suffered flooding. The Mississippi River at St. Louis reached a record level of 40.5 feet.

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